

HOLINESS

A SPIRITUAL VITALITY SERIES

CONSECRATE YOURSELF

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“Kings records the political history;
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gives us God’s viewpoint.”

- J. Vernon McGee -

1 Hezekiah was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem twenty-nine years. His mother's name was Abijah daughter of Zechariah. 2 He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, just as his father David had done.

2 Chronicles 29:1-2

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Consecration is not only to
be decided individually, but
it is also meant to be done
collectively

Consecration must always
start in the heart of the
leaders before it can translate
into the hearts of congregants

One of the chronic illnesses
Christians suffer from is
forgetfulness. We may
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Will we become the critical
mass of people who
champion the spiritual change
in direction or who criticize
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direction?

The irony here is that the
lesser was more consecrated
than the greater

**“But you are a chosen people, a royal
priesthood, a holy nation, God's special
possession, that you may declare the praises
of him who called you out of darkness into
his wonderful light.”**

1 Peter 2:9

A) RIDICULED THEM

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2 Chronicles 30:10

B) HUMBLING THEMSELVES

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2 Chronicles 30:11

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2 Chronicles 30:12

Without holiness no one will see the Lord.

Hebrews 12:14

“People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

1 Samuel 16:7

3) LET US MAKE A CELEBRATORY

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The emotion tone behind
consecration is not one of
sorrow, but actually one of joy

32 The number of burnt offerings the assembly brought was seventy bulls, a hundred rams and two hundred male lambs—all of them for burnt offerings to the LORD. 33 The animals consecrated as sacrifices amounted to six hundred bulls and three thousand sheep and goats.

2 Chronicles 29:32-33

24 Hezekiah king of Judah provided a thousand bulls and seven thousand sheep and goats for the assembly, and the officials provided them with a thousand bulls and ten thousand sheep and goats.

2 Chronicles 30:24

A) CELEBRATION THROUGH WORSHIP

4 [Hezekiah] removed the high places, smashed the sacred stones and cut down the Asherah poles. He broke into pieces the bronze snake Moses had made, for up to that time the Israelites had been burning incense to it. (It was called Nehushtan.)

2 Kings 18:4

29 When the offerings were finished, the king and everyone present with him knelt down and worshiped. **30** King Hezekiah and his officials ordered the Levites to praise the LORD with the words of David and of Asaph the seer. So they sang praises with gladness and bowed down and worshiped.

2 Chronicles 30:29-30

Sixteen days of consecrating
the temple plus **fourteen**
days of celebrating Passover
equals a total of **thirty** days in
the pursuit of holiness

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2 Chronicles 30:26

Seasons of revival and
renewal are conceived in
times of consecration

B) CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAYER

27 The priests and the Levites stood to bless the people, and God heard them, for their prayer reached heaven, his holy dwelling place.

2 Chronicles 30:27

Those who consecrate
themselves together cannot
help but pray for each other

When you consecrate yourself
to the Lord, nothing can
hinder your prayer from
reaching the ears of the Lord



**“Take My Life And Let It Be”
- Frances Ridley Havergal -**

²⁰ This is what Hezekiah did throughout Judah, doing what was good and right and faithful before the LORD his God. ²¹ In everything that he undertook in the service of God's temple and in obedience to the law and the commands, he sought his God and worked wholeheartedly. And so he prospered.

2 Chronicles 31:20-21

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in endless praise.
Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing,
Always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
Every pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store.

Take myself and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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